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9 **BEFORE THE**
BOARD OF REGISTERED NURSING
10 **DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS**
11 **STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

12 In the Matter of the Accusation Against:

Case No. 2009-159

13 RODRICK ROCHELLE SHANKS
a.k.a. RODRICK SHANKS
14 413 North Tyler Street
Covington, LA 70433

A C C U S A T I O N

15 Registered Nurse License No. 661508

16 Respondent.

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18 Complainant alleges:

19 **PARTIES**

20 1. Ruth Ann Terry, M.P.H., R.N. ("Complainant") brings this Accusation
21 solely in her official capacity as the Executive Officer of the Board of Registered Nursing
22 ("Board"), Department of Consumer Affairs.

23 2. On or about July 22, 2005, the Board issued Registered Nurse License
24 Number 661508 to Rodrick Rochelle Shanks, also known as Rodrick Shanks ("Respondent").
25 Respondent's registered nurse license expired on August 31, 2008.

26 **STATUTORY PROVISIONS**

27 3. Business and Professions Code ("Code") section 2750 provides, in
28 pertinent part, that the Board may discipline any licensee, including a licensee holding a

1 temporary or an inactive license, for any reason provided in Article 3 (commencing with section
2 2750) of the Nursing Practice Act.

3 4. Code section 2764 provides, in pertinent part, that the expiration of a
4 license shall not deprive the Board of jurisdiction to proceed with a disciplinary proceeding
5 against the licensee or to render a decision imposing discipline on the license. Under Code
6 section 2811, subdivision (b), the Board may renew an expired license at any time within eight
7 years after the expiration.

8 5. Code section 2761 states, in pertinent part:

9 The board may take disciplinary action against a certified or licensed nurse
10 or deny an application for a certificate or license for any of the following:

11 (a) Unprofessional conduct, which includes, but is not limited to,
12 the following:

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14 (4) Denial of licensure, revocation, suspension, restriction, or any other
15 disciplinary action against a health care professional license or certificate by
16 another state or territory of the United States, by any other government agency, or
17 by another California health care professional licensing board. A certified copy of
18 the decision or judgment shall be conclusive evidence of that action . . .

19 6. Code section 2762 states, in pertinent part:

20 In addition to other acts constituting unprofessional conduct within the
21 meaning of this chapter [the Nursing Practice Act], it is unprofessional conduct
22 for a person licensed under this chapter to do any of the following:

23 (a) Obtain or possess in violation of law, or prescribe, or except as
24 directed by a licensed physician and surgeon, dentist, or podiatrist administer to
25 himself or herself, or furnish or administer to another, any controlled substance as
26 defined in Division 10 (commencing with Section 11000) of the Health and Safety
27 Code or any dangerous drug or dangerous device as defined in Section 4022.

28 (b) Use any controlled substance as defined in Division 10
(commencing with Section 11000) of the Health and Safety Code, or any
dangerous drug or dangerous device as defined in Section 4022, or alcoholic
beverages, to an extent or in a manner dangerous or injurious to himself or
herself, any other person, or the public or to the extent that such use impairs
his or her ability to conduct with safety to the public the practice authorized
by his or her license . . .

 7. Health and Safety Code section 11173 states, in pertinent part:

 (a) No person shall obtain or attempt to obtain controlled substances, or
procure or attempt to procure the administration of or prescription for
controlled substances, (1) by fraud, deceit, misrepresentation, or subterfuge . . .

1 **COST RECOVERY**

2 8. Code section 125.3 provides, in pertinent part, that the Board may request
3 the administrative law judge to direct a licensee found to have committed a violation or
4 violations of the licensing act to pay a sum not to exceed the reasonable costs of the investigation
5 and enforcement of the case.

6 **CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES AT ISSUE**

7 9. "Dilaudid", a brand of hydromorphone, is a Schedule II controlled
8 substance as designated by Health and Safety Code section 11055, subdivision (b)(1)(K).

9 10. "Morphine" is a Schedule II controlled substance as designated by Health
10 and Safety Code section 11055, subdivision (b)(1)(M).

11 11. "Ativan", a brand of lorazepam, is a Schedule IV controlled substance as
12 designated by Health and Safety Code section 11057, subdivision (d)(16).

13 **FIRST CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE**

14 **(Disciplinary Actions by the Connecticut Board of Examiners
15 for Nursing and the Louisiana State Board of Nursing)**

16 12. Respondent is subject to disciplinary action pursuant to Code section
17 2761, subdivision (a)(4), on the grounds of unprofessional conduct, in that he was disciplined by
18 the Connecticut Board of Examiners for Nursing ("Connecticut Board") and the Louisiana State
19 Board of Nursing ("Louisiana Board"), as follows:

20 a. On August 15, 2007, the Connecticut Board summarily suspended
21 Respondent's registered nurse license in the State of Connecticut pending a final determination
22 by the Board of the allegations contained in the Statement of Charges in Petition No. 2007-0503-
23 010-033. On February 1, 2008, pursuant to the Memorandum of Decision in the disciplinary
24 action titled *Department of Public Health vs. Rodrick Shanks, RN, etc.*, Petition No. 2007-0503-
25 010-033, the Connecticut Board terminated Respondent's summary suspension and placed

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1 Respondent on probation for a period of four (4) years on certain conditions. Pursuant to the
2 Memorandum, Respondent admitted as follows:

3 1. Respondent worked as a nurse at The Hospital of Central Connecticut in
4 New Britain, Connecticut.

5 2. At or about 8:30 a.m. on or about March 30, 2007, security at the hospital
6 observed Respondent wandering around the outside of the hospital making hand motions
7 as if he were typing. At about the same time, a security guard patrolling the parking
8 garage picked up an unattended backpack. The backpack contained one or more picture
9 identification badges for Respondent, a used butterfly needle and used syringe, saline
10 flushes, one or more tourniquets, five partial vials of Dilaudid, one partial vial of
11 morphine, one partial vial of Ativan, and/or four partial vials of Phenergan (not a
12 controlled substance).

13 3. On or about March 29, 2007, and/or March 30, 2007, while working
14 as a nurse at the hospital, Respondent diverted Dilaudid, morphine, and/or Ativan, and/or
15 failed to completely, properly, and/or accurately document medical or hospital records.

16 4. On or about March 30, 2007, Respondent abused or utilized to excess
17 Dilaudid, morphine, and/or Ativan.

18 b. On September 18, 2008, Respondent signed a Voluntary Agreement not to
19 renew or reinstate his registered nurse license in the State of Connecticut.

20 c. True and correct copies of the Memorandum of Decision and Voluntary
21 Agreement are attached as exhibit "A" and incorporated herein by reference.

22 d. On or about February 28, 2008, Respondent's registered nurse license in
23 the State of Louisiana was automatically suspended pursuant to LAC 46:XLVII.3411.I, based on
24 the disciplinary action by the Connecticut Board of February 1, 2008. A true and correct copy of
25 the Louisiana Board's written notice to Respondent dated February 28, 2008, is attached hereto
26 as exhibit B and incorporated herein by reference.


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3. Taking such other and further action as deemed necessary and proper.

DATED: 1/26/09


RUTH ANN TERRY, M.P.H., R.N.
Executive Officer
Board of Registered Nursing
Department of Consumer Affairs
State of California

Complainant

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EXHIBIT A

MEMORANDUM OF DECISION AND VOLUNTARY AGREEMENT

STATE OF CONNECTICUT
BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR NURSING

Department of Public Health

Petition No. 2007-0503-010-033

vs.

Rodrick Shanks, RN - Lic. No. 077668
Respondent

MEMORANDUM OF DECISION

Procedural Background

The Board of Examiners for Nursing (hereinafter "the Board") was presented by the Department of Public Health (hereinafter "the Department") with a Statement of Charges and Motion for Summary Suspension dated July 26, 2007. Dept. Exh. 1. The Statement of Charges alleged violations of certain provisions of Chapter 378 of the General Statutes of Connecticut by Roderick Shanks (hereinafter "respondent") which would subject respondent's registered nurse license to disciplinary action pursuant to *Conn. Gen. Stat.* §§ 19a-17 and 20-99(b).

Based on the allegations in the Statement of Charges and accompanying affidavits and reports, the Board found that respondent's continued nursing practice presented a clear and immediate danger to public health and safety. On August 15, 2007, the Board ordered, pursuant to its authority under § 4-182(c) and § 19a-17(c) of the General Statutes of Connecticut, that respondent's registered nurse license be summarily suspended pending a final determination by the Board of the allegations contained in the Statement of Charges. Dept. Exh. 1.

The Board issued a Notice of Hearing dated August 15, 2007, scheduling a hearing for September 5, 2007. Dept. Exh. 1.

Respondent was provided notice of the hearing and charges against him. The Summary Suspension Order, Notice of Hearing and Statement of Charges were delivered by certified mail to respondent on August 20, 2007. Dept. Exh. 1.

The hearing took place on September 5, 2007, in Room 1-A, Legislative Office Building, Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut.

Respondent was present during the hearing but was not represented by counsel. Transcript, September 5, 2007, pp. 2-3.

Respondent orally answered the Statement of Charges. Transcript, pp. 6-9.

Each member of the Board involved in this decision attests that he/she was present at the hearing or has reviewed the record, and that this decision is based entirely on the record, the law, and the Board's specialized professional knowledge in evaluating the evidence.

Allegations

1. Rodrick Shanks of Covington, Louisiana (hereinafter "respondent") is, and has been at all times referenced in this Statement of Charges, the holder of Connecticut registered nurse license 077668.
2. At all relevant times, respondent worked as a nurse at The Hospital of Central Connecticut, (hereinafter "the hospital") in New Britain, Connecticut.
3. At or about 8:30 a.m. on or about March 30, 2007, security at the hospital observed respondent wandering around the outside of the hospital making hand motions as if he were typing.
4. At or about the same time, a security guard patrolling the parking garage picked up an unattended backpack. Said backpack contained:
 - a. one or more picture identification badges for Rod Shanks;
 - b. a used butterfly needle and used syringe;
 - c. saline flushes;
 - d. one or more tourniquets;
 - e. five partial vials of hydromorphone 2mg/ml (Dilaudid), a Schedule II narcotic;
 - f. one partial vial of morphine SO4 10mg/ml, a Schedule II narcotic;
 - g. one partial vial lorazepam 2mg/ml (Ativan), a Schedule IV benzodiazepine; and/or,
 - h. four partial vials of promethazine 25mg/ml (Phenergan), a non-controlled drug.
5. On or about March 29, 2007 and/or March 30, 2007, while working as a nurse at the hospital, respondent:
 - a. diverted Dilaudid, morphine and/or Ativan; and/or,
 - b. failed to completely, properly and/or accurately document medical or hospital records.
6. On or about March 30, 2007, respondent abused or utilized to excess Dilaudid, morphine, and/or Ativan.
7. Respondent's abuse of Dilaudid, morphine and/or Ativan does, and/or may, affect his practice as a nurse.

Findings of Fact

Based on the testimony given and the exhibits offered into evidence, the Board makes the following Findings of Fact:

1. Respondent admits the allegations in Paragraphs 1 through 7 of the Statement of Charges. Transcript, pp. 6-9.
2. Respondent's diversion and abuse of Dilaudid, morphine, and/or Ativan occurred during a one week period prior to and including March 30, 2007. Transcript, pp. 17, 21-22.

3. Respondent is living and working as a registered nurse in the State of Louisiana. Transcript, p. 25.
4. On August 20, 2007, respondent was evaluated at the Northlake Addictive Disorders Clinic, Covington, Louisiana. It was determined that chemical dependency treatment for respondent was not indicated. Resp. Exh. 1.

Conclusions of Law and Discussion

Considering the above Findings of Fact, the following conclusions are rendered:

Roderick Shanks held a valid registered nurse license in the State of Connecticut at all times referenced in the Statement of Charges.

The Notice of Hearing and Statement of Charges provided sufficient legal notice as mandated by *Conn. Gen. Stat.* §§ 4-177(a) and (b), and 4-182(c). The hearing was held in accordance with *Conn. Gen. Stat.* Chapters 54 and 368a as well as §§ 19a-9-1 through 19a-9-29 of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies.

The Department bears the burden of proof by a preponderance of the evidence in this matter.

Respondent admits the allegations in Paragraphs 1 through 7 of the Statement of Charges Transcript, pp. 8-9.

The General Statutes of Connecticut § 20-99 provides in relevant part:

(a) The Board of Examiners for Nursing shall have jurisdiction to hear all charges of conduct which fails to conform to the accepted standards of the nursing profession brought against persons licensed to practice nursing. After holding a hearing . . . said board, if it finds such person to be guilty, may revoke or suspend his or her license or take any of the actions set forth in section 19a-17. . . .

(b) Conduct which fails to conform to the accepted standards of the nursing profession includes, but is not limited to, the following: . . . (2) illegal conduct, incompetence or negligence in carrying out usual nursing functions . . . (5) abuse or excessive use of drugs, including alcohol, narcotics or chemicals; (6) fraud or material deception in the course of professional services or activities . . .

Based on its findings, the Board concludes that respondent's conduct as alleged in the Statement of Charges is proven by a preponderance of the evidence presented. The Board further concludes that said conduct constitutes grounds for disciplinary action pursuant to *Conn. Gen. Stat.* §§ 20-99(b)(2), (5), (6) and 19a-17.

The Board finds that respondent can practice nursing with reasonable skill and safety under the terms of this Order.

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Order

Pursuant to its authority under *Conn. Gen. Stat. §§ 19a-17 and 20-99*, the Board of Examiners for Nursing hereby orders the following:

1. The Summary Suspension of respondent's registered nurse license number 077668, ordered on August 15, 2007, will terminate on the effective date of this Memorandum of Decision.
2. For the proven violations under Paragraphs 5, 6 and 7 of the Statement of Charges, respondent's registered nurse license number 077668, is placed on probation for a period of four (4) years.
3. If any of the following conditions of probation are not met, respondent's registered license may be subject to disciplinary action pursuant to §19a-17 of the General Statutes of Connecticut.
 - A. During the period of probation, the Board shall pre-approve respondent's employment and/or change of employment within the nursing profession.
 - B. Respondent shall provide a copy of this Memorandum of Decision to any and all employers if employed as a nurse during the probationary period. The Board shall be notified in writing by any employer(s), within thirty (30) days of the commencement of employment, as to receipt of a copy of this Memorandum of Decision.
 - C. If employed as a nurse, respondent shall cause employer reports to be submitted to the Board, by his immediate supervisor during the entire probationary period. Employer reports shall be submitted commencing with the report due on the first business day of month following employment as a nurse. Employer reports shall be submitted monthly during the first and fourth years of probation, and quarterly during the second and third years of probation.
 - D. The employer reports cited in Paragraph C above shall include documentation of respondent's ability to safely and competently practice nursing. Employer reports shall be submitted directly to the Board at the address cited in Paragraph Q below.
 - E. Should respondent's employment as a nurse be involuntarily terminated or suspended, respondent and his employer shall notify the Board within seventy-two (72) hours of such termination or suspension.

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- F. During the probationary period, respondent shall not administer, count or have access to controlled substances, or have responsibility for such activities in the course of nursing duties during the first 12 months of employment as a nurse in the State of Connecticut.
- G. If respondent pursues further training in any subject area that is regulated by the Department, respondent shall provide a copy of this Memorandum of Decision to the educational institution or, if not an institution, to respondent's instructor. Such institution or instructor shall notify the Department in writing as to receipt of a copy of this Memorandum of Decision within fifteen (15) days of receipt. Said notification shall be submitted directly to the Department at the address cited in Paragraph Q below.
- H. At his expense, respondent shall engage in therapy and counseling for chemical dependency with a licensed or certified therapist, approved by the Board and the Department, during the entire period of probation.
- I. Respondent shall provide a copy of this Memorandum of Decision to his therapist. The Board shall be notified in writing by his therapist, within thirty (30) days of the effective date of this Decision, as to receipt of a copy of this Memorandum of Decision.
- J. Respondent shall cause evaluation reports to be submitted to the Board by his therapist during the entire probationary period. Therapist reports shall be submitted monthly during the first and fourth years of probation, and quarterly during the second and third years of probation.
- K. The therapist reports cited in Paragraph J above shall include documentation of dates of treatment, and an evaluation of respondent's progress, including alcohol and drug free status, and ability to safely and competently practice nursing. Therapist reports shall be submitted directly to the Board at the address cited in Paragraph Q below.
- L. (1) At his expense, respondent shall be responsible for submitting to observed random chain of custody urine screens for alcohol and drugs for the entire probationary period, at a testing facility approved by the Board, after consultation with the Department, as ordered by his therapist, personal physician, and/or employer.

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Alcohol/drug screening may also be ordered by the Board to ensure compliance with this Order. Random alcohol/drug screens shall be legally defensible in that specimen donor and chain of custody can be identified throughout the screening process.

(2) Respondent shall be responsible for notifying the laboratory, his therapist, the Board, the Department and his prescribing practitioner of any drug(s) he is taking. For any prescription of a controlled substance(s) for more than two consecutive weeks, respondent shall cause the provider prescribing the controlled substance(s) to submit quarterly reports to the Board and the Department until such time as the controlled substance(s) are no longer prescribed. The reports shall include the following:

1. A list of controlled substances prescribed by this provider for the respondent;
2. A list of controlled substance(s) prescribed by other providers;
3. An evaluation of the respondent's need for the controlled substance;
4. An assessment of the respondent's continued need for the controlled substance(s).

(3) There must be at least one (1) such random alcohol/drug screen weekly during the first and fourth years of the probationary period; and, at least two (2) such random alcohol/drug screens monthly during the second and third years of the probationary period.

(4) Random alcohol/drug screens shall be negative for the presence of alcohol and drugs. All positive results shall be confirmed by the Gas Chromatograph Mass Spectrometer (GC/MS) testing method. Chain of custody documentation must accompany all laboratory reports and/or the laboratory reports must indicate that chain of custody procedures have been followed.

(5) Random alcohol/drug screens must include testing for the following substances:

Amphetamines	Methadone
Barbiturates	Methaqualone
Benzodiazepines	Opiates (Metabolites)
Cannabinoids (THC Metabolites)	Phencyclidine (PCP)
Cocaine	Propoxyphene
Meperidine (Demerol)	Ethanol (alcohol)

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- (6) Laboratory reports of random alcohol and drug screens shall be submitted directly to the Board and the Department, at the address cited in Paragraph Q below, by respondent's therapist, personal physician or the testing laboratory.
- M. Respondent shall not obtain for personal use and/or use alcohol or any drug that has not been prescribed for him, for a legitimate purpose, by a licensed health care practitioner authorized to prescribe medications. Respondent shall not abuse and/or excessively use any drugs that are prescribed for a legitimate medical purpose.
- N. Respondent is hereby advised that the ingestion of poppy seeds may produce a positive drug screen result indicating the presence of opiates/morphine and that the ingestion of mouthwash may produce a positive result indicating the presence of alcohol. For that reason, any food substance containing poppy seeds, and mouthwash should be avoided during the probationary period. In the event that a drug/alcohol screen is positive for opiates/morphine and/or alcohol, the ingestion of poppy seeds and/or mouthwash shall not constitute a defense to such positive screen.
- O. If respondent is a participant in the Louisiana State Board of Nursing, Recovering Nurse Program, any reports and/or evaluations required by said program may be substituted, with the approval of Board and the Department, for reports required in Paragraphs 3C, 3J and 3L of this decision.
- P. The Board must be informed in writing prior to any change of address.
- Q. All correspondence and reports are to be addressed to:

Bonnie Pinkerton, RN, Nurse Consultant
Department of Public Health
Division of Health Systems Regulation
Board of Examiners For Nursing
410 Capitol Avenue, MS #12HSR
P. O. Box 340308
Hartford CT 06134-0308

4. Any deviation from the terms of probation, without prior written approval by the Board, shall constitute a violation of probation, which will be cause for an immediate hearing on charges of violating this Order. Any finding that respondent has violated this Order will subject respondent to sanctions under §19a-17(a) and (c) of the General Statutes of Connecticut, including but not limited to, the revocation of his license. Any extension of time or grace period for reporting granted by the Board shall not be a waiver or preclude

the Board's right to take subsequent action. The Board shall not be required to grant future extensions of time or grace periods. Notice of revocation or other disciplinary action shall be sent to respondent's address of record (most current address reported to the Office of Practitioner Licensing and Certification of the Department of Public Health or the Board).

5. This Memorandum of Decision becomes effective, and the four (4) year probation of registered nurse license 077668 shall commence, on February 1, 2008.

The Board of Examiners for Nursing hereby informs respondent, Roderick Shanks, and the Department of Public Health of the State of Connecticut of this decision.

Dated at Hartford, Connecticut this 16th day of January 2008.

BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR NURSING

By Nancy S. BufordRD

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CERTIFICATION

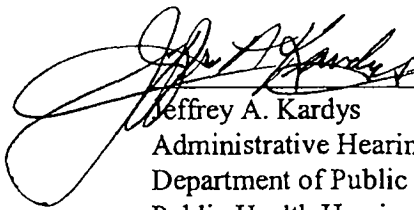
I hereby certify that, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §4-180(c), a copy of the foregoing Memorandum of Decision was sent this 17th day of January 2008, by certified mail, return receipt requested, and first class mail to:

Roderick Shanks
413 North Tyler Street
Covington, LA 70433

Certified Mail RRR #9171082133393205602258

and by Inter-Departmental Mail to:

Stanley K. Peck, Director
Legal Office
Department of Public Health
410 Capitol Avenue, MS #12LEG
Hartford, CT 06134-0308



Jeffrey A. Kardys
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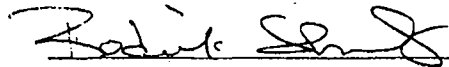
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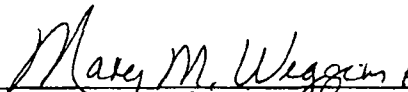
Rodrick Shanks, being duly sworn, deposes and says:

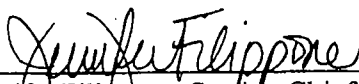
1. I am over the age of majority and understand the obligations of an oath.
2. I make this affidavit on the basis of personal knowledge.
3. I was issued license number 077668 by the Department of Public Health (hereinafter "the Department") to practice as a registered nurse on February 5, 2006 which license lapsed due to non-renewal on July 31, 2007.
4. I hereby voluntarily agree not to renew or reinstate my license to practice nursing in the State of Connecticut.
5. I understand and agree that if I seek a new license or to reinstate my license at any time in the future, the allegations contained in Petition Number 2008-0303-010-029 shall be deemed true. I further understand that any such application must be made to the Board of Examiners for Nursing (hereinafter "the Board") and the Department, and that the Board shall be a signatory to any order reinstating my license or granting me a new license.
6. I hereby waive any right to a hearing I may have regarding any request that my license be reinstated or that a new license is issued and also waive any right that I may have to appeal or otherwise challenge the disposition of any such request.
7. I understand and agree that this affidavit and the case file in Petition Number 2008-0303-010-029 are public documents, and I am executing this affidavit in settlement of the allegations contained in the above-referenced petition.
8. I understand that this document has no effect unless and until it is executed by the Department, and that upon execution the Department will dismiss Petition No. 2008-0303-010-029.
9. I understand that I have the right to consult with an attorney prior to signing this affidavit.

11. I understand that the purpose of this agreement is to resolve the pending matter against my license and is not intended to affect any claim of civil liability that might be brought against me.
12. If applicable, I agree to comply with the provision of Section 19a-14-44 Regulations Connecticut State Agencies.


Rodrick Shanks

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 18th day of September 2008.


Notary Public MARY M. WIGGINS #38183
Commissioner of Superior Court
St. Tammany Parish
Notary Public - LA
Commission For Life
9/25/08
Date

Accepted: 
Jennifer Filippone, Section Chief
Practitioner Licensing and Investigations
Healthcare Systems Branch

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LOUISIANA BOARD'S WRITTEN NOTICE DATED FEBRUARY 28, 2008

Louisiana State Board of Nursing

17373 Perkins Road

Baton Rouge, LA 70810

Telephone: (225) 755-7500 Fax: (225) 755-7582

<http://www.lsbns.state.la.us>

Certified Mail/Return Receipt Requested

February 28, 2008

Mr. RODRICK ROCHELLE SHANKS
413 N.TYLER STREET
COVINGTON, LA 70433

Dear Mr. Shanks:

The Board of Nursing received notification that on January 16, 2008, the State of Connecticut Board of Examiners for Nursing placed your Connecticut RN license on probation for a period of four (4) years with stipulations relative to your diversion on March 29-30, 2007, of intravenous Dilaudid, intravenous Morphine Sulfate and intravenous Ativan from The Hospital of Central Connecticut in New Britain, CT.

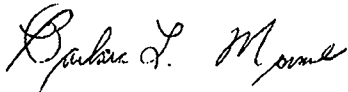
You are herewith notified that, in accordance with the Rules of the Louisiana State Board of Nursing, particularly LAC 46:XLVII.3411.I, your Louisiana Registered Nurse license is automatically suspended until such time as the matter is cleared with the Connecticut Board of Nursing.

Therefore, your Louisiana RN license is suspended and you are hereby directed to return your 2008 RN license to the Board of Nursing.

If you are able to show error in the staff's action then you must so notify the Board in writing within ten (10) days of this date.

If at sometime in the future you can present evidence to the Board that your problems have been alleviated, you may request a hearing for the purpose of having the Board consider the reinstatement of your license.

LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF NURSING



Barbara L. Morvant, MN, RN
Executive Director

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cc: St. Tammany Parish Hospital
1202 S. Tyler Street
Covington, LA 70433